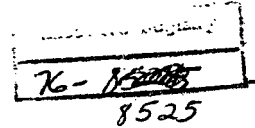


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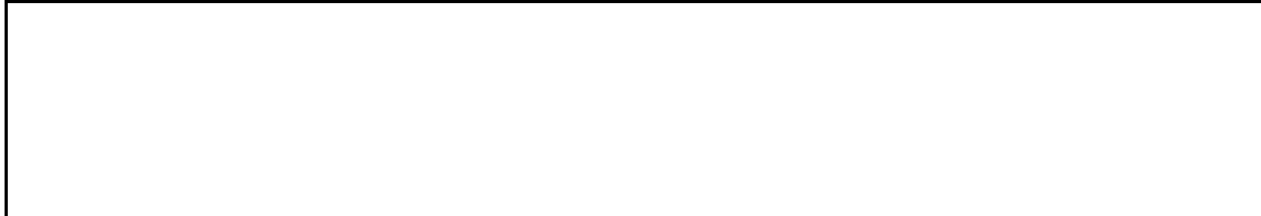
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Competitive Analysis Experiment

1. In response to your question this morning on the arrangements for the Competitive Analysis Experiment relating to NIE 11-3/8 76, we have learned that Lehman plans, as suggested by PFIAB, for three teams to conduct a parallel effort on three separate topics included in the NIE.

2. Two of these teams will be supplied by outside research firms.



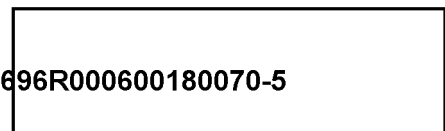
3. The third team will be composed of three or four people (perhaps all Federal employees) on individual service contracts who will study Soviet strategic objectives. At the present time, the team leader is expected to be a State Department official of Ambassadorial rank and one of the other team members is expected to be supplied by the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency. The reimbursable costs for this activity are estimated at \$100,000.

4. [redacted] who supplied the contract and cost data, stressed that the cost estimates for teams #2 and #3 are not entirely firm and that the total cost of the experiment could go as high as \$500,000 which will have to be obligated in the Transition Quarter. This then will be added to our list of unfunded requirements for the T.Q.

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5. All three team studies are expected to be completed along with NIE 11-3/8 76 by mid-November. At that time, members of the NSC Staff, CIA and PFIAB will determine if the experiment was worthwhile and should be repeated in 1978. If it is not to be repeated, we, OMB, or the CFI can delete it from our budget.

/s/ James H. Taylor

James H. Taylor  
Comptroller

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## Remarks:

Per Mr. Lehman's request for item 15 from the 15 July DDJ.

Executive Secretary